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MONTEREY NEWS



February, 1974

OUR TOWN

Special Town Meeting Held February 16



At a special town meeting on February 16, starting at 10:00 a.m. and lasting well into the afternoon, with a recess for lunch, several articles on the Warrant were passed without extensive comment, while others generated heated discussion. Passed were Article 1, regarding the transfer of available funds in the treasury of \$2,000 "or any other sum" to finance a Community Master Plan for land use. Article 2, to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$2,398.00 as Town share for highway repairs under Chapter 81 of the General Laws, also passed by a voice vote. It was explained that these monies come from the Town's allotment of Revenue Sharing. Article 3, regarding the purchase of a four-wheel drive truck with two snow plows was tabled, due to new information received by the Selectmen since putting this article on the Warrant. Article 4, regarding land owned by Edith Wilson and Margaret McLaughlin on the lake front was amended, pending decision regarding the building of a boat ramp, and the site of this ramp, by the forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement or Community Master Plan. Article 5, dealing with the same parcels of land was subjected to the same restrictions.

Article 6, the new Earth Removal Bylaw, considerably simplified since the last town meeting, at which it was voted down, passed by a voice vote. Basically it provides for application for a permit from the Board of Selectmen for any removal of earth in excess of 500 cubic yards. The Selectmen must render a decision on the application within 30 days of its receipt. The permit shall lapse after one year and is not transferable. Other provisions control the application of this new bylaw to the town of Monterey. One paragraph reads, "A permit for earth removal from a borrow pit shall not be allowed unless the pit site, the loading, processing, stockpiling, weighing or other operation, any structure or facilities, shall exist at least 200 feet from traveled ways and from property lines."

Article 7 provided for several additions to the Protective (Zoning) Bylaws. The controversial sections of this article were discussed at considerable length. The moratorium on construction of new multiple dwellings for an 18-month period was passed, while the Moratorium of 18 months on sub-division of land was defeated by 3 votes. A multi-family dwelling, for the purpose of this bylaw, was defined as "two or more single family dwelling units under one single roof or in attached adjacent buildings."

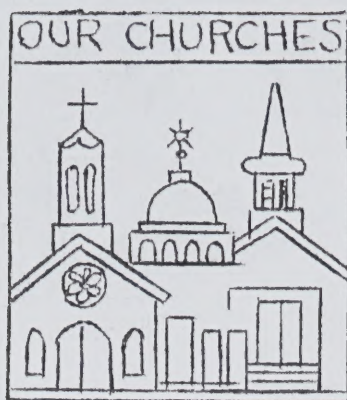
It is important to note in the above decisions that the Town of Monterey has now voted \$2,000 from the treasury to finance a Master Plan for Monterey, otherwise known as an Environmental Impact Study or Land Use Study. High on the agenda of this Master Plan will be the questions of multiple dwelling units and subdivision of land for purposes of development.

As the subdivision moratorium was defeated the "Monterey Citizens' Group" issued a letter to the Board of Selectmen on Monday evening February 18, requesting that the issue of two-acre zoning in the Monterey residential and agricultural districts be recognized and put on the Warrant for vote at the upcoming town meeting.

Another controversial law which was defeated was that which would have permitted the operation of a restaurant in an agricultural-residential district.

New Fire Engine

At the end of the meeting Dick Tryon, of the Board of Selectmen, pointed out that the present Town Fire Engine is approaching its twentieth birthday and is obsolescent in many respects. A motion was made and passed to have the Selectmen solicit bids for a new fire engine.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Only one mass weekly, Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .
Notes Church school and confirmation class Sundays, 9:15 a.m. . . . Worship is in the social room during the winter months. . . . In memoriam, Esther Angel, in Florida, on February 3.

Lenten Worship The theme for the morning worship during Lent is "Reverence for Life". The plan is to continue the morning worship in the social room through March. The sermons will be based on various dimensions of reverence for life, will be short and designed to raise questions. Then, in the more informal setting of the social room, there will be a discussion on the topic. On Palm Sunday and Easter the worship will return to the sanctuary.

Lenten Self-Denial Folders Following the pattern of recent years our congregation will use Lenten Self-Denial Folders. They are being distributed on Sunday mornings and by mail. They are to be returned at the time of the Easter morning worship.

Philergians Sponsor Growth Group The Philergians have as one of their projects this year sponsoring an inter-personal growth group for its members and other interested persons in the community. Dr. Brallier will lead the group and it will meet in the parsonage. It will meet for a series of three consecutive Thursdays, the first being Thursday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m. Those outside the Philergian group should contact Mary Thorn or Marie Brallier.

GOULD FARM NEWS

Taking advantage of the February 18 holiday in honor of Washington's birthday, the Board of Directors held their first meeting of 1974. The Executive Director and the Treasurer presented reports for the preceding year.

A new structure in the barn area is a greenhouse, the first in the Farm's long history. Everyone looks forward eagerly to the early starting of plants that this building makes possible.

A large addition to the Main House kitchen has also been completed. Equipment is soon to be installed, giving much needed working space for the volunteers who enjoy making bread and cookies for the family table. This will also consolidate the now scattered pantries and freezing units into one central area.

In January Amy Zuckerman and Delmer Truesdell came as volunteers, each for a limited period. They are acting as leaders in the guest work program and are a great asset. Delmer plans, with others, to establish a therapeutic something like Gould Farm. His family is donating property for the purpose in the town of Colrain, Massachusetts.

In late January, 1973, Steve McGrath came for a term at the Farm as his Alternate Service. Soon after his arrival, the draft was cancelled and Steve had never been called. However, because of his interest in Gould Farm, he stayed on for a year as a work program leader. Steve was a hard worker and a universal favorite. Everyone was sorry to see him go.

With the departure of Mrs. Eleanor (Newey) Kreuzer, there is no full-time kitchen head. The Farm is advertising for someone to fill this vacancy, as well as for a farm manager.

Rose McKee

THE GRANGE

The Grange is having its annual Booster Night on Wednesday, March 6, at 8:00 p.m. All non-members who wish to come are cordially invited to attend this event. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

TRAGEDY AND OPPORTUNITY

Tragedy comes and shakes the foundations of life. All of us would avoid tragedy if we possibly could. Yet tragedy often brings opportunity to light, as nothing else can do. This, then, is one of the strange ironies of life -- that we all earnestly seek to avoid tragedy, yet it is forever opening new doors of opportunity. What we do our best to escape frequently contains the seeds of new beginnings.

It has been frequently noted that Albert Einstein, as a youth, seemed headed toward failure, yet flowing from his failures and grappling with them, he became one of the most brilliant scientists of our time. Abraham Lincoln, in his early political career, gave all the appearances of being a born loser, yet it is now clear that much of the greatness of Lincoln found its rootage in the wrestlings of soul that occurred during his tragic years of apparent failure.

We see tragedy and opportunity linked together in both the personal and social arenas of life. Tragedy sometimes flows out of personality flaws, and at other times it seems to fall with impersonal blows. Yet the possibility of opportunity arising out of tragedy recognizes no squeamish distinctions. Whether my foolhardy rashness brought me into tribulation, or whether blind chance felled a tree in my way, still the invitation of opportunity frequently presents itself.

By this time you may be suspecting I am convinced that opportunity is an inevitable companion of tragedy. Not at all. There is lots of tragedy that ends on the note of darkness. No opportunity is seen. Why, then, am I pressing the linkage that exists between the tragic and the new beginning? Many of us are deadened by success. We become immunized and desensitized.

When tragedy strikes, the foundations are shaken. Old assumptions may be questioned. Attitudes may be brought out for re-examination. The feeling side of life may be brought into play. Latent resources may be discovered.

Most of us regard the shortage of gasoline -- and the other shortages we are experiencing -- as a tragedy. There are genuine hardships, including unemployment, flowing out of this situation. Yet I am finding growing instances of a new quality of human resourcefulness beginning to show itself. We are given a fresh opportunity to question our wasteful practices. We are finding ways to cooperate and help each other. When we find we can't do "business as usual" we find unusual ways to do business. Gas shortages may teach us to use our legs more. Food shortages may teach some of us individually to be more resourceful with seeds and soil. And the catalogue of ways in which the tragedy of shortages may press us into plowing up fallow resourcefulness in the human spirit is just beginning.

I am not trying to take a dark picture and paint rosy hues into it, but I would hope that we would not neglect this powerful dimension of life which keeps showing itself over and over again all around us. The tree is cut down and, behold, green shoots start growing around the trunk. Where did the myth of the phoenix come from? The story has it that the bird lives in the Arabian desert for 500 to 600 years. Then it burns itself on the funeral pyre, and out of the ashes rises again with the freshness of youth. Yet the phoenix is an invention of the human spirit -- and its intention is to talk more about a quality in human life than about birds.

The decay and breakdown in our human institutions is a painful tragedy. We are all witnesses to it. Even more, we are part of it. We are caught up in it and hurt by it. Right now our nation is obsessed by the breakdown of trust and confidence in government. Tragic as this is, is there a single one of us who does not see seeds of reconstruction beginning to sprout in the wreckage? Is there a person among us who does not detect faint suggestions of the phoenix arising from the ashes?

Perhaps we don't need to go to myths and metaphors to see how opportunity is ever presenting itself in the wake of tragedy. Maybe all we really need to do is to consult more closely those actions and movements we can discover within our own souls. Have we not all experienced those times in which we were hurt, crushed, broken and sure we really did not want another day to come? The feeling may have continued a day, a night, a month, a year. How are we to explain what it was that persuaded ^{us} to engage with life again, to hope for the light while it was still dark, to look for the spring in the deep of winter? If you can name this quality in yourself, you can also name what it is that binds tragedy and opportunity so closely together.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



JOHN PIZZICHEMI

Do you have a picture of what the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of a New England town should be like? Don't you picture him as a native New Englander, somewhat conservative in his views, and possibly rather elderly?

John Pizzichemi, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Monterey is none of these, but then, of course, Monterey is not a typical New England town! Now in his mid-thirties, John was born in Calabria, Italy, and came to this country at the age of sixteen, attending high school during the daytime and trade school (electrician's apprentice) at night. His original home in the United States was in Port

Chester, New York, where his father, a tool and dye maker, gradually earned enough to bring all his family to this country. John is now a master electrician. He and his charming wife, Elisabeth, originally from Germany, have five children.

John Pizzichemi is serving his second term as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, after serving one year on the Board under the chairmanship of Robert Gauthier. The other two members are our only "native", and senior member of the Board, Dick Tryon, who has served two terms before (1957-1963). Dick is in his mid-forties and is a dairy farmer. Serving his first term on the Board is Tom Bradley, a skilled conservation worker with the Bureau of Fire Control of the Board of Natural Resources. Like John Pizzichemi, he is in his mid-thirties; he and his wife, Maureen come from an Irish background.

The most important mutual interest of all three members of the Board of Selectmen is in ecology and all forms of conservation, and their determination is "to keep Monterey the way it is." John Pizzichemi, through patience, perceptiveness and the natural gift of empathy helps to keep this Board an effective, impressive team whom you can trust to have the best interests of your town at heart.

THE EDITOR



VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

My picture window overlooks the lake. It is the product of a dream come true, for I have always longed for a home where I could watch the moon rise over the ice. Mine was one of the first year-round houses on the lake, and for years it shone the only light to be seen here in winter. But I have never felt isolated, for each season brings friends to my window. There are the old faithfuls: the chickadees, sparrows, woodpeckers and jay birds. The itinerants: robins, grosbeaks, gold finches and swallows come and go like clockwork. In April the ducks and Canada geese arrive in pairs, their devotion renewed because it is courting time, and they plan to build nests which I must never discover. I recognize the old couple of geese who have raised three families before my eyes in as many years. Spring mornings bring heavy mists, and once there appeared suddenly, like a ghost, a great blue heron about fifteen feet away. He waded in slow motion, his feet making no sound as they entered the water. Later I saw his mate at a distance, fishing. Her snakelike neck uncoiled with lightning speed as she speared her prey.

In June the geese come again, this time swimming proudly and showing off the five or six goslings strung out between them. Midsummer brings changes to the scene. Now there are people in all kinds of boats. Noisy speedboats churn the water into waves. There are lovely sail boats and quiet canoes; rowboats with fishermen, and funny little paddlewheelers propelled like bicycles.

After Labor Day the geese return, now in flocks. They stop over for a few hours on their way south, and then, with joyous honking, rise and make their great wedges in the sky. After them come the hunters -- the people who do not know how to live and let live with nature. The sound of their shots stab me as if I too were hit. But when this quiets down I greet my last visitor of the year -- the ruddy duck, a tiny diver who lives in my lily pads for about three weeks until the water freezes and drives him out.

Now it is February again. The days are colorful with red-jacketed men fishing through the ice, and brightly-clad skaters making patterns on the lake. At night the ice shimmers and gleams with moonlight, and once more I savor my dream.

Helen Shaw



GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

The Brownies have been making Valentines and they held a Valentine Party on February 14. At the next regular meeting a cookie-bake will be held.

Cadettes

The Cadettes this year have the town of New Marlborough for their annual cookie sale. Please help these young ladies in their fund-raising drive.

Juniors The Junior Girl Scouts will be holding a Family Dinner Thursday, February 21. During the weeks of February 16 to March 2 the girls will be taking orders for cookies. There will be five kinds of cookies this year. Delivery date will be between April 24 to May 4. Anyone wishing to buy some that were not contacted, please call Mrs. Thorn, 528-1644.

BOY SCOUTS

The Otis-Monterey Boy Scouts held a winter camp-out on January 26 in Otis. Danny Andrus and Kenny Heath attended from Monterey. On February 22 a Father and Son banquet will be held in Otis. At a recent meeting Mr Pyenson gave a demonstration on knot tying. Court of Honor will be held on March 1.

CUB SCOUTS

Den 1 and Den 2 held their pack meeting on February 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the New Marlborough Center School. A pinewood Derby was held. Winners with best car on exhibit of Den 1 and Den 2 were Robert Candee of Monterey and Scott Smith of Mill River. In the miniature car race, first place was won by Robert Candee, second place by Douglas Cahmpigny, and third by Todd Beattie.

Awards for Den 1 of Monterey were as follows:

- One-year pin -- Todd Clark, Peter Brucale and Michael Salzmann
- Two-year pin -- Richard Andrus
- 1 gold arrow and 1 silver arrow -- Michael Salzmann
- 5 silver arrows -- Todd Clark

The next Pack meeting will be March 22 in Monterey.

Todd Clark

MONTEREY JUNIOR HI GROUP

The Junior Hi Group held a succesful dance. They have been bowling and swimming. They have also ratified their constitution.

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Panhandlers

The Monterey Panhandlers have been especially busy. We have made chili, and to go with that, especially on a cold day, we made Mexican hot chocolate. We also made cheese fondue and carrot cookies. After we finish cooking, our item for that week will be singing songs and doing puzzles pertaining to cooking. We have been studying nutrition.

Kristine Heath
Jr. Leader

Monterey Roadrunners

The Roadrunners will be sponsoring a Ham Supper on March 16 in the church basement from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (serving time). 4-H members will be selling tickets. This group has also entered the Poster and Window Exhibit Contest.

Gwendolyn O'Connell

Stamp Collecting

The "Lick'em and Stick'em" stamp club will have posters and an exhibit in the Monterey Post Office during the week of February 18 to 25. The boys have been very active in getting their first exhibit together and would appreciate your stopping by to see it.

Monterey Community Club

This club is for all members of the 4-H in town. During the monthly meetings we plan on having demonstrations from the different 4-H groups in town. The first meeting plan on February 21 will be for the garden members. Approximately 18 boys and girls in town have signed up for gardening. The 4-H is open to all boys and girls from the age of 6 to 18 years of age. Anyone interested in joining may call Mrs. John Ryder at 528-2548.

Lois Ryder
Youth Correspondent

LOCAL NOTES

Dr. Brallier Elected to Head Berkshire Mental Health Board

At the recent annual meeting of the Berkshire Mental Health Association Dr. Virgil Brallier was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Dr. Brallier has been a member of the Board for several years. One of the reasons he was urged by a planning committee to accept the nomination was that there was a strong feeling among a good number that it would be especially desirable in the period immediately ahead to have a Chairman who was conversant with the mental health field.

Dr. Brallier is in private practice as a psychologist, as well as being minister of the Monterey United Church of Christ.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

This month contributions have been from Mr. and Mrs. Dean Amidon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunlop, The Reverend and Mrs. Leon Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. David McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Makuc, Mr. and Mrs. William Mielke, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sabin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sidman and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winter. We continue to be grateful for and heartened by your support.

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